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Environment and sustainable development

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled:

"Environment and sustainable development:

"(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21;

"(b) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

"(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

"(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa;

"(e) Convention on Biological Diversity;

"(f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 14th to 16th and 33rd to 36th meetings, on 21 and 22 October and from 13 to 15 November 2002. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/57/SR.14-16 and 33-36). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 8th meetings, from 30 September to 3 October (see A/C.2/57/SR.2-8). An account of the Committee's further

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consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report, as follows:

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its seventh special session (13-15 February 2002)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities undertaken in preparation for the International Year of Freshwater, 2003 (A/57/132)

Letter dated 6 June 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the resolutions adopted at the 107th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Marrakesh, Morocco, from 17 to 23 March 2002 (A/57/84-S/2002/645)

Letter dated 10 July 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Abu Dhabi Declaration on Agricultural Development and Desertification Control, adopted by the General Assembly of the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development at its twenty-seventh session, held at Abu Dhabi from 28 to 30 April 2002 (A/57/202)

Letter dated 6 August 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations and the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the New Delhi Declaration of Principles of International Law relating to Sustainable Development, adopted by the International Law Association at its 70th Conference, held at New Delhi from 2 to 6 April 2002 (A/57/329)

Letter dated 20 August 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the thirty-third meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum, held at Suva from 15 to 17 August 2002 (A/57/331)

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/57/25).

Note verbale dated 22 August 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Quebec Declaration on Ecotourism, adopted at the World Ecotourism Summit, held at Quebec City, Canada, from 19 to 22 May 2002 (A/57/343)

Letter dated 22 August 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Koizumi Initiative (Concrete Actions of the Japanese Government to be Taken for Sustainable Development — Towards Global Sharing), announced in Tokyo on 21 August 2002 (A/57/350)

Letter dated 20 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the documents of the twenty-ninth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Khartoum from 25 to 27 June 2002 (A/57/422-S/2002/1064)

Letter dated 5 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Dubai Declaration for the Promotion of Science and Technology in the South, adopted by the South-South High-level Conference on Science and Technology of the Group of 77, held at Dubai from 27 to 30 October 2002 (A/57/598)

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Section of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/57/3 (Part II))[2] on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Section of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/57/3 (Part II))[2] on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its second session

Note by the Secretary-General on the report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/57/460)

Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002 (A/CONF.199/20)

Letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their twenty-sixth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 19 September 2002 (A/57/444)

Letter dated 11 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly, transmitting the constitutive document of the International Partnership for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions (A/C.2/57/8)

[2] To be issued in *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/57/3).

(b) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (A/57/189)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/57/190)

(c) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the outcome of the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Climate Change (A/57/359)

(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/57/177)

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/57/220)

(f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; and promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (A/57/131)

Letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their twenty-sixth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 19 September 2002 (A/57/444)

4. At the 14th meeting, on 21 October, introductory statements were made by the Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, under sub-item (d); the Director of the secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, under sub-item (b); the representative of the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, under sub-item (e); and the Chief of the Water, Natural Resources and Small Island Developing States Branch of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-item (f) (see A/C.2/57/SR.14).

5. At the 33rd meeting, on 13 November, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-item (a); and the Chief of the Water, Natural Resources and Small Island Developing States Branch of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under the item as a whole (see A/C.2/57/SR.33).

6. At the 34th meeting, on 14 November, introductory statements were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, under the item as a whole; and the Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, under sub-item (c) (see A/C.2/57/SR.34).